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Dear Sir or Madam,

On May 4th, the House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act of 2017. I applaud my colleagues in the House for taking this important step. Now is the time for the Senate to do its part to dismantle Obamacare's harmful taxes and mandates and provide patient-focused reforms that address costs and give American families greater control over their healthcare decisions.

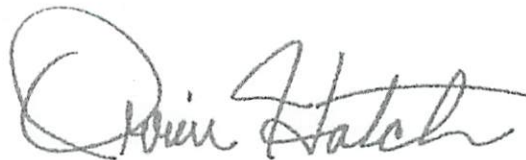
As Chairman of the Finance Committee, my goal in this process will be to produce legislation with my colleagues that reflects the aforementioned priorities while also recognizing the constraints imposed by the rules of the budget reconciliation process. While I intend to be ambitious in these efforts, it is also critically important that expectations be managed and everyone remains willing to work toward the art of the doable.

Moving forward, I believe it is vital to have input from key stakeholders that represent the interests of patients, providers, employers, and thought leaders. Toward that end, I intend to establish an open and orderly process for the submission of information and recommendations, particularly on those areas relevant to the jurisdiction of the Senate Finance Committee, including but not limited to taxes and the expansion of consumer-driven health savings accounts, Medicaid, tax credits to purchase health care coverage, and funding to stabilize states' individual markets.

Given your expertise on these issues, I hope that you will be willing to participate in this process by providing me your comments and recommendations. I respectfully request and encourage you or your organization to submit comments and recommendations via email to [HealthReform@Finance.senate.gov](mailto:HealthReform@Finance.senate.gov) no later than May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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